



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of March 28 – April 13)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Pear City man for fishing without a license.

CPO Jones assisted with disaster relief in Carroll and Ogle Counties.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri received a complaint of an injured swan on the Rock River and spent several hours on a Jon boat attempting to locate the bird but was unsuccessful.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri gave a presentation to the Fyre Lake Association on boat regulations and boat safety. Approximately 50 members were present at the annual meeting.

CPO Posateri received a complaint of someone who was raising a baby raccoon without a permit. The lady said she was “trying to do the right thing” since the mama raccoon was dead and this was the only remaining baby to survive. The week old raccoon baby was seized and turned over to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Fraser assisted with disaster response to a tornado that passed through Ogle County causing significant damage. CPO Fraser and an Illinois State Police District 1 Trooper went door to door in the affected area and checked on occupants. Many residents thanked the Officers for the check and all were found to be safe and well prepared.

Trout season generated complaints to CPO Beltran at White Pines State Park when investigating resulted in several warnings and citations.

CPO Alt responded to the tornado disaster in Ogle County along with CPOs Murry and Wire. They, along with Sgt. Frazier and CPO Beltran, arrived after the tornado struck and gave support to the Illinois State Police and Ogle County Sheriff's Department with search and rescue efforts, traffic control and scene integrity.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Fraser and other CPOs were assigned to disaster assistance in Fairdale. The CPOs main duties were to provide security patrols, direct traffic, and keep a log of people entering the area. Due to the town's set up, size and damage, entry to the town had to be limited. CPOs were tasked with giving clearance to people who wanted to enter the town.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Finn was on a boat patrol of the Illinois River when he observed two men fishing in an area that is privately owned and fishing is not allowed. CPO Finn drifted downstream observing the two fishermen. He observed one of the fishermen walking away from his other poles and began snagging. The fisherman walked away from his pole when CPO Finn approached. CPO Wire assisted and the pole and snag hook were found. The first fisherman was cited for fishing without permission and the second fisherman was cited for fishing without permission and snagging.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Matthiessen State Park and Starved Rock State Park. Numerous violations were discovered: three individuals were issued citations for climbing the sides of the canyon walls, seven individuals were issued citations for remaining on the trails after they have closed, and one individual was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Filipiak was conducting fish enforcement on the Illinois River and upon a compliance check he observed a fisherman put six sauger in his possession. The individual ensured he was only catch and release from that point due to the individual having his limit of sauger. Approximately 10 minutes later, from across the river bank, CPO Filipiak observed the same individual hook a fish with the pole in his hands, before the individual landed the fish he handed his fishing pole to his friend standing next to him. The friend then landed the sauger and put the fish in his bucket to claim it as his own. CPO Filipiak returned back to the two individuals and asked if they had caught anymore fish, the individual who had his limit stated he had not. CPO Filipiak informed the individual he was seen handing his fishing pole to his friend who then landed the fish. The individual was issued a citation for unlawfully taking over the limit of sauger.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While checking a fisherman at Four Lakes Forest Preserve, CPO Fraser noticed a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from the man. CPO Fraser asked the man if he had any cannabis on him and he said he did not. About that time CPO Fraser observed a bulge in the man's front pant pocket that had the profile of a common glass pipe used for smoking cannabis. CPO Fraser then asked the man if he had a pipe on him, the man again said he did not. CPO Fraser pointed to the man's pocket and asked him what was in it, the man said he only had "fishing stuff" in his pockets. The man then pulled out a lighter and a pack of cigarettes from his pant pocket, but left the suspected smoking pipe behind. CPO Fraser again asked what was in the man's pocket and informed him that he knew he had a pipe. Finally the man produced a glass smoking pipe containing burnt cannabis residue from his pocket. The man was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and was transported to the Winnebago County jail.

CPO Frichtl attended Career Day at Riverview Elementary School in South Beloit, IL. There were many children in attendance and CPO Frichtl spoke to the students about the duties, responsibilities and career of an Illinois Conservation Police Officer, as well as answering questions from the students.

While conducting fishing license compliance checks, CPO Schoonhoven arrested a subject for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Alt was passed on Highway 20 in dense fog and light rain by a motorist traveling in excess of 90 mph. The stop revealed the subject was speeding due to being late for work. The driver was cited and provided a court appearance.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson worked a sport fishing compliance detail at Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area. Throughout the day several checks were made and violations were addressed. One citation and three warnings were issued. CPO Thompson later worked in the area of Emiquon Preserve in eastern Fulton County. While performing surveillance from a distance, CPO Thompson located a watercraft that appeared to be without registration. After observing the boat pull into the ramp, a boat safety and registration check was performed. The watercraft inspection revealed three violations including improperly numbered watercraft, expired registration and batteries uncovered and unsecured. One citation and three warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson was working in the Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area checking bank fishermen. After observing two subjects in the north portion of the park, CPO Thompson walked into the location from the south. At a short distance away, CPO Thompson detected a strong odor of cannabis coming from the area of the two fishermen. Easing closer to their position, CPO Thompson observed two male subjects smoking cannabis. After a search of the subjects and their tackle box, an arrest was made for two counts of possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gr and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a subject in west Burlington, Iowa, for illegally killing two whitetail bucks during archery season.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a McDonough County subject for illegally killing a deer without a valid deer permit.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject for using a bull dozer to push over a tree on state property in Peoria County. The subject ultimately said he made a bad decision.

While conducting fishing and boat safety compliance checks at Banner Marsh SFWA, CPO Lazzell observed a boat approaching the boat ramp with two male subjects onboard who he had seen fishing earlier in the day. A compliance check disclosed the boat operator had no life jackets onboard the vessel and neither subject had a valid sport fishing license. Citations were issued for no fishing license and no wearable PFD's. Three written warnings were also issued for additional violations.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited two Woodford County subjects stemming from illegal trapping activity. CPO Gerard was notified of an injured goose flying around with a 110 conibear trap on one of the legs. After arriving on scene, CPO Gerard observed four additional conibear traps. All four traps were active and tagged with a local trapper's name. After a brief interview, citations were issued for unlawfully trapping without a valid trapping license and failure to check traps each calendar day. Six written warnings were issued.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel (Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for failure to immediately release short fish and possession of bass over daily limit.

CPO Wagner issued written warnings during the period for failure to provide proof of ownership for a timber truck, IVC violations, and boating violations.

CPO Jason Hurt was conducting sport fishing enforcement in Lake County. An individual was fishing on a channel of Round Lake. A compliance check of the fisherman was conducted. The fisherman advised he had no 2015 fishing license due to the bait shop being sold out of them. The fisherman assured CPO Hurt the bait shop had his application for the license and would have his license available in a couple days. CPO Hurt asked if the fisherman had a 2014 fishing license and the fisherman advised it was in his other tackle box at home. A check of the fisherman's purchase records showed no fishing license since 2009. The fisherman was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Todd Semenik were conducting sport fishing enforcement at Sterling Lake. Two fishermen were observed fishing near a bridge. As the fishermen left to try another spot both threw cigarette butts on the ground near the shoreline. A subsequent compliance check was conducted on the fishermen. One fisherman was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license and both fishermen were issued written warnings for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Tom Davis and CPO Todd Semenik responded to a tip complaint of subjects keeping over the limit of trout. Since it was Lake County property, the forest preserve ranger was contacted and we assisted him in citing the subjects. The subjects identified other fishermen who were keeping over the limit as well. Upon investigation, two subjects were in possession of 13 total trout while still trout fishing. The fish were hidden in the trunk of the car. The subjects were both issued citations for over the limit of trout.

CPO Kelley issued a Lake Villa individual written warning for operating a non-powered watercraft without a Water Usage Stamp.

CPO Kelley issued a Schaumburg individual written warning for operation of a watercraft without an operable fire extinguisher and for an uncovered battery.

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma presented at the Hampshire 4H Club. He spoke to a group of young individuals about the duties and responsibilities of a Conservation Police Officer.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Jason Hurt was conducting routine patrol at Moraine Hills State Park. While following a vehicle, CPO Hurt ran a check of the registration. The registration came back expired, yet the vehicle was displaying a sticker which showed valid until July 2015. CPO Hurt followed the vehicle to a parking lot where he conducted a traffic stop to inquire about the registration expiration discrepancy. The driver eventually admitted he obtained the registration sticker for \$50 from a dishwasher at his old job. A check of the driver's license came back suspended. The driver was arrested for driving while driver's license suspended. Additionally, the driver was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with expired

registration, operation of uninsured motor vehicle, and improper use of registration. The driver was released on a notice to appear.

CPO Wagner issued an IVC citation for speeding and another for operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Wagner issued written warnings during the period for a trapping violation, fish violations, and boat violations.

CPO Kelley issued a written warning to an individual without a Water Usage Stamp on his kayak.

CPO Kelley cited a Wonder Lake man for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson conducted a sport fish enforcement detail on the Mazon River in Grundy County. He issued one citation for no fishing license and one warning for the same violation.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Mueller conducted a taxidermy inspection and issued the owner a warning for an expired taxidermy license.

CPO Reid cited a Plainfield man for unlawfully taking and possessing a red fox during the closed season. The suspect is a convicted felon with a revoked FOID card, and the fox was taken with a high powered rifle. Additional felony charges are pending.

CPO Honiotes conducted boat safety compliance inspections on approximately 40 boats, at various locations throughout Will County. Multiple verbal warnings were issued for minor violations such as operating a non-powered watercraft without a water usage stamp. Three written warnings were issued for PFD violations and three written warnings were issued for operation of a non-powered watercraft without a water usage stamp.

CPO Mueller conducted a taxidermy inspection and the owner was in compliance with all regulations.

CPO Reid conducted patrols of several private bodies of water where trespass complaints have been signed by the property owners. Several citations were issued for fishing without permission of the landowner.

CPO Honiotes checked approximately 200 fishermen at Milliken Lake during the opening weekend of spring trout season. One citation was issued for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. Written warnings were issued for unlawful possession of alcohol in the park, unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license, and unlawful fishing without a trout stamp.

CPO Mueller conducted a sport fishing detail at the Wilmington Dam on the Kankakee River. He issued 2 warnings for fishing license violations.

CPO Reid arrested a Romeoville man after a fishing license check at a local pond. The subject provided a false name to CPO Reid. After some time the suspect's true identity was obtained and it was discovered that he had an outstanding arrest warrant. The man was jailed on the arrest warrant and additional charges of obstruction were filed. A citation was also issued for fishing without a license.

CPO Honiotes conducted compliance checks on approximately 50 fishermen at various locations throughout Will County. A verbal warning was issued to an individual fishing with three poles on a two pole and line only lake.

CPO Mueller investigated a complaint of hunting without permission. He found an illegal stand and at the owner's request we seized it.

CPO Mueller responded to a complaint of a suspected CWD deer in Grundy County. He located the deer and transported it to the biologist for sampling and examination.

CPO Honiotes responded to a trapping complaint turned over by Bolingbrook Animal Control. Bolingbrook police seized four foothold traps, one of which reportedly held a live coyote for three days. Further investigation is pending.

CPO Mueller handled a complaint of a dead hawk. He conducted a necropsy and determined that no foul play was involved.

CPO Anderson investigated a hit and run accident that occurred at Braidwood FWA. He issued two citations to the offending driver for leaving the scene of a vehicle damage accident and no insurance. A warning was issued for failure to provide information at the scene.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

CPO Gilmer has been busy with trout fisherman with the season opener and boat patrols due to nicer weather and the fishing heating up on Lake Michigan. CPO Gilmer with the help of CPO Farber dealt with an over-bag of salmon on Lake Michigan where two individuals were over the limit by 13 salmon.

CPO Whitchurch concluded a personal injury snowmobile accident investigation. CPO Whitchurch, with the assistance of an Indiana Conservation Officer, found the residence of one of the witnesses who was also operating a snowmobile the night of the accident. CPO Whitchurch and the Indiana Conservation Officer went to the residence, but the subject was not there. The next day the subject contacted CPO Whitchurch and met with CPO Whitchurch. The subject was issued a citation for unlawfully operating a snowmobile on State property where prohibited. The subject was issued a written warning for entering and remaining in a State Fish and Wildlife Area after posted closing time.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan in Chicago when he observed a female subject actively fishing. CPO Whitchurch requested to see the female subject's Illinois Sport Fishing License. The female subject informed CPO Whitchurch she did not have one. After receiving the female subject's personal information, she was run through Illinois State Police Dispatch also using an in squad mobile computer. The female subject came back as a missing juvenile person. CPO Whitchurch contacted the missing person's bureau of the Chicago Police Department. A Chicago Police Department Officer arrived on scene and custody of the missing juvenile person was transferred to the Chicago Police Department seeing they were the investigating agency who entered the female into the system as a missing juvenile person.

CPO Whitchurch completed a concentrated patrol shift at Lake Michigan waters and its tributaries to enforce sport fishing regulations pertaining to high quantities of salmon and trout being caught from its waters. Watercraft inspections were also completed as part of this concentrated patrol shift. A total of three citations and 13 written warnings were issued for watercraft and sport fishing violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing sport fishing regulations pertaining to the spring stocking of inland trout. CPO Whitchurch was checking numerous anglers when he observed a subject catch a rainbow trout and place the trout on a stringer. As CPO Whitchurch moved closer to this subject, the subject spotted CPO Whitchurch and began moving away, distancing themselves from the stringer which held the rainbow trout. CPO Whitchurch made contact with this person

and requested to see a sport fishing license and an inland trout stamp. The subject was an out-of-state resident who did not possess an inland trout stamp. The subject was issued a citation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a southern Cook County lake when he observed a subject from a distance who appeared to be holding a firearm and pointing it out over the water. As CPO Whitchurch got closer to the subject, he observed the subject holding an all-black handgun and observed him firing the handgun into and over the lake. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and ordered him to place the gun on the ground. The subject complied and placed the gun on the ground. As the subject did this, CPO Whitchurch observed another chrome and black handgun stuck in the waist band of the subject. CPO Whitchurch safely positioned the subject so he could remove the other handgun from the subject's possession. Both handguns were found to be loaded pellet pistols. CPO Whitchurch cited the subject for unlawfully firing an air gun over and into waters of the state.

CPO V. Smith conducted a boat inspection at Busse Lake and issued a written warning for no type IV pfd.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning at Maple Lake for fishing license not in possession.

CPO V. Smith issued three written warnings at Schiller Park Woods for unlawful feeding of white tail deer.

CPO V. Smith issued ten written warnings for no fishing license while patrolling at Montrose Harbor and Busse Lake.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for no salmon stamp while patrolling at Montrose Harbor.

CPO V. Smith received a trapping complaint from Arlington Heights Animal Welfare. After investigation, a citation was issued for unlawful use of body gripping trap larger than 25 sq. in. on land.

CPO V. Smith issued a citation for no fishing license while patrolling Maple Lake.

CPO Macias Issued citations to two people fishing without a valid license at Tampier Lake in Palos Park

CPO Macias was working with Florida Fish and Wildlife Department officers to locate a Florida resident who is revoked from getting any IDNR license in Illinois, yet has a valid Illinois sport fishing license by falsifying his information on the IDNR licensing system. Investigation is ongoing.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a Highland Park subject for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Vaughan, CPO Gilmer, and the District 4 intern conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan. Multiple boat and fish inspections were completed. No violations were noted.

CPO Vaughan is investigating a brush fire which occurred at Illinois Beach State Park on April 4, 2015. Several subjects were observed fleeing the location of the fire as fire/rescue arrived on scene. Anyone with information is asked to call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 847-377-4000.

CPO Farber assisted a Region 1 CPO with an investigation that began in Jo Daviess County. After a short interview with an Elgin man and his wife these violations were discovered. The subject's wife was unable to recall what type of deer were taken with her permits during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. She was also unable to recall what type of device was used to harvest the deer. Her husband admitted to harvesting, tagging and checking in two 8 pt bucks during the 2013 and 2014 archery seasons using her permits. He was arrested for two counts of unlawful possession of whitetail deer. The subject was also issued written warnings for falsification of harvest records.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Greuel spoke to a Hunter Safety Class at the Cumberland Sportsman Club.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody issued multiple citations and written warnings to numerous subjects for fishing with no valid license.

CPOs Barnes and Moody investigated a truck on Fox Ridge State Park property which had completely burned. The vehicle had driven through a metal gate and traveled approximately 1/4 mile until it was left abandoned and completely burned. The vehicle had been reported stolen a couple days prior out of Shelby County.

CPO Barnes arrested a Mattoon man fishing at Lake Paradise in Coles County for: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis, no fishing license and wanted on an active arrest warrant (possession of drug paraphernalia out of Cumberland County). CPO Barnes transported the subject to the Coles County Jail.

CPO Moody conducted a commercial inspection of a Coles County Outfitter.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel spoke to a Hunter Safety Class at the Cumberland Sportsman Club.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited an Effingham man for fishing without a valid fishing license in Shelby County.

CPO Moody cited a Neoga man at the Lake Mattoon Dam, while checking fishermen, for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The man was in the woods on city property and threw a wooden hitter box as CPO Moody approached. CPO Moody cited the same man in the same location years prior for the same violations.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Schultz and CPO Viverito conducted a late night boat patrol on Clinton Lake. During the patrol several boats were inspected and anglers were checked. No boating violations were discovered. The CPOs pulled up to the last boat of the patrol and the CPOs detected the odor of cannabis. An investigation ensued which led to the arrest of three men. A total of four citations were issued.

CPO Viverito attended a high school fishing tournament weigh-in at Clinton Lake. During the weigh-in the CPO spoke with over twenty teams about their fishing experience on Clinton Lake. The CPO also answered numerous questions about required watercraft equipment and watercraft registration.

CPOs Viverito and Schultz were on patrol in Weldon Springs State Park when they came upon a vehicle parked in a back lot only a few minutes short of park closing time. After stopping to check on the vehicle it was found the two occupants

were in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The two men were issued multiple citations and released on scene.

CPOs Bryant Wright and Matt Viverito were patrolling along Salt Creek in DeWitt County. The CPOs stopped at the iron bridge on Swisher Hill Road to check an angler. The man informed CPO Wright that he saw several deer antlers in Salt Creek below the iron bridge. An investigation ensued which led to six sets of deer antlers being discovered. Many of the antlers had fresh hide and tissue still attached. An investigation is ongoing.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright worked Sportsman Pond in Decatur to attempt to stop people from taking trout during the closed fishing season. Contact was made with multiple individuals who had caught and were attempting to take trout. Proper enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Williamson, CPO Reeves, CPO Viverito and CPO Wright assisted Decatur Police Department with a murder investigation along the Sangamon River near Lake Decatur. The officers were attempting to locate the murder weapon (Decatur Police Department believed it may have been thrown in the river) using the sonar equipment.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Schultz approached a fisherman along the Vermilion River and immediately smelled a strong odor of burning cannabis. As he approached the group a fisherman dropped a brown cigar at his feet. Further investigation led to the individual handing CPO Schultz a bag of cannabis and a cannabis filled cigar. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Schultz was on patrol in Kickapoo State Park when he observed a vehicle parked in the muddy grass off the parking lot near a restricted area. The individual was located a short time later and found to be fishing in a restricted area and without a license. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Schultz observed two men attempting to paddle a small aluminum boat into the wind on a state strip pit. A compliance check of the vessel and occupants found there no life jackets on board and several other violations including, no registration, no battery cover or sounding device and no fishing licenses. Proper enforcement action was taken.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition in Adams County. A subject pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to maintain outfitter records. The subject paid total fines and court costs of \$3214. A charge of falsifying IDNR records was dismissed.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt received a complaint of a vehicle being stuck 1 1/2 miles off the roadway. The owner of the vehicle had just purchased it and tried taking it off road. The subject was arrested for criminal damage to state supported property, driving off the roadway, and no valid registration. When CPO Weishaupt reached the jail, he learned the subject was wanted on a warrant. It was just entered into LEADS after CPO Weishaupt had run the subject.

CPO Goetten ran a license plate of a parked vehicle earlier in the day and determined the registered owner's driver's license was suspended. Later while on patrol, CPO Goetten observed the registered owner driving and stopped the vehicle. The subject was arrested for driving while suspended.

Sgt. Wagner and CPO Goetten were notified of a suicidal subject at Pere Marquette State Park. The subject was located on a trail at the park with some friends. After interviewing the subject, he declined any help and said he simply had gotten into an argument with his dad and said some things he shouldn't have said.

CPO Goetten observed two fishermen flee the river area after seeing his squad. The subjects were observed driving to a nearby residence. After catching up to the subjects, CPO Goetten identified them from previous contacts. After checking the fishermen, who were legal, CPO Goetten ran their information and determined one of them was wanted on a Jersey County arrest warrant for failure to pay fines relating to CPO Zak French's arrest of him for hunting without permission in 2014.

CPO Goetten arrested him on the warrant and transported him to the Jersey County jail. Bond was \$3000 (10%).

CPO Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to the unlawful taking of whitetail deer. The subject paid a total fine and court costs of \$162 and was placed on 12 months supervision. The subject forfeited his Hoyt Maxxis Bow and API tree stand.

CPO Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject paid a total fine and court costs of \$552 and was placed on 12 month supervision.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Goetten was checking fishermen when he ran the license plate of a parked vehicle. The registered owner was wanted on several warrants including an IDNR warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject was in the backseat of the vehicle. CPO Goetten could smell the odor of cannabis. He searched the vehicle and found two drug pipes and a small amount of cannabis... The subject was transported to the Madison County Jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for being in a restricted area after hours. The subject driving the vehicle was suspended.

CPO Goetten received a court disposition in Madison County. The subject pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of cannabis. The subject paid a total fine and court costs of \$300 and was placed on 12 months supervision.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley attended and taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Rushville.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone **(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran conducted a presentation on hunting laws to students of a hunter safety course at Pana Jr. High School.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Elliott was conducting sport fish enforcement at River Front Park in Havana. At approximately 1:00 p.m., CPO Elliott observed a multi-colored motorboat traveling at a high rate of speed north and south on the Illinois River within 150 feet of the public boat launch. A boat safety inspection was conducted, resulting in no fire extinguisher. Upon running the subject's information through the LEADS system, the subject's history showed him to be listed as a violent sexual predator. CPO Elliott arrested the suspected sexual predator for being in a city park. Havana Police Department

transported the subject to Mason County Jail. CPO Elliott also issued the subject a citation and written warning for the boating violations.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Bettis issued a Meredosia subject a citation for pollution. The subject had dumped two bags of trash on the Federal Refuge. The trash was cleaned up and properly disposed of by the subject.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance was conducting sport fish enforcement along the Sangamon River when he discovered a subject was wanted on two felony warrants for burglary. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Sangamon County Jail.

Officer Bettis conducted a presentation on boating laws to students of a Boating Safety Class at Lake Springfield. There were approximately 25 students in attendance.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley was off for the majority of this reporting period due to vacation. However, in the last few days of the reporting period:

CPO Tapley took a report of a theft at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Two men reported they docked their boat overnight near where they were camping at the park, when they returned the next day approximately \$2000 worth of fishing rods and tackle had been taken from the boat. The case is still pending.

CPO Tapley conducted numerous fishing checks. Most fishermen were in compliance; however two fishermen did not have current fishing licenses and were issued written warnings due to the recent expiration of the 2014 license. Another fisherman was caught snagging fish below the Carlyle Lake Dam and was issued a citation.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner conducted a patrol on the Kaskaskia River related to a "Jon boat adrift" complaint. The boat was located and turned out to be a dumped fiberglass recreational boat which had been scuttled and was nearly completely submerged. Due to the extreme difficulty of towing the boat, it was secured to the bank with several tie-offs and marked with brightly colored jugs for safety reasons. There will be additional investigation into the dumping.

CPO Schachner conducted a patrol on the Kaskaskia River. He was in his state Jon boat approaching a bank fisherman for a license/creel check when a passing recreational boat drew his attention from the fisherman. The boat operator was standing on the rear of the boat, facing the CPO and fisherman, and was urinating into the river. As CPO Schachner conducted an equipment safety check on the watercraft, he observed the fisherman quickly packing up his gear in a manner which indicated he was not wishing to meet the CPO. Upon finishing the boat check (and issuing several warnings to the boater) CPO Schachner returned upstream to the fisherman who immediately sprinted away from the river with a fishing pole in hand. A brief search revealed the man hiding behind a trash can. The fisherman denied attempting to flee, but eventually admitted he thought he had too many fishing poles. It turned out he was within his legal number of poles, but his fishing license had expired. He was cited for no fishing license and warned for obstruction/fleeing a CPO and a vehicle code violation.

CPO Sievers attended and gave an hour presentation to a Boat Safety Class held at the SWIC campus in Red Bud.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject for using his wife's 2014 free landowner shotgun deer permit to harvest and tag an 8 pt. whitetail deer. The unlawfully taken deer antlers were seized. A citation was issued for the unlawful take of a whitetail deer and a \$250.00 civil penalty was requested. Written warnings were issued for falsification of a shotgun deer harvest report and unlawful possession of another's deer permit.

CPO Ray conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Frank Holten State Park for driving over the posted speed limit and failure to wear seat belt by driver and passenger. The driver was issued a citation for failure to wear seat belt and a written warning for speed. The passenger received a written warning for failure to wear a seat belt. The passenger was transported to Madison County Jail for an active warrant and arrested for possession of cannabis.

CPO Ray was contacted by a mushroom hunter at Frank Holten State Park in the Grand Marais picnic area. The mushroom hunter recovered a partially rusted Llama .38 Special Revolver inside the wood line. The revolver contained five live rounds and one spent cartridge. The revolver was sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for testing. ATF was contacted and is continuing the investigation.

CPO Ray and CPO Rolfingsmeier received information for a St. Clair County Deputy. A witness observed two males shooting at Canada Geese from a vehicle on the roadway. The two 16 year old subjects were arrested for unlawful hunting from the roadway with a pellet gun. Written warning was issued for unlawful attempting to take Canada Geese out of season.

CPO Charles was on patrol in St Clair County at Peabody River King and observed a fisherman take over the limit of trout. The fisherman admitted to taking over his possession limit and giving one of them to another fisherman in the group. The fisherman was cited for the violation.

CPO Sievers attended and completed the 4 hour Electronic Taping of Statements and Confessions training provided by SILEC.

CPO Sievers attended and completed a 2 hour Civilian Concealed Carry Act for Law Enforcement training provided by SILEC.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles was on patrol in Washington County and determined a turkey hunter was illegally hunting on ground owned by Peabody River King. The hunter admitted to the violation and informed the officer that he had harvested a turkey from the property. The hunter was cited for the violation and the turkey was taken as evidence.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay responded to a request for assistance in Royalton for a dead deer hung in a fence. The deer was hanging by its back leg wrapped up in the fence. The deer was in an area where the city holds their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The deer carcass was removed and the egg hunt went on without a hitch.

CPO Lay is continuing to gather information in reference to Timber Buyers Inspections in Franklin County.

CPO Lay closed a suspended driver case. CPO Lay had stopped a female driver back in January 2015 while driving in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. The driver was found guilty of driving with a suspended license and given 18 months court supervision and fined \$748.00. The charge of operation of uninsured motor vehicle was dismissed.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Williams conducted the annual Spring Furbearer Spotlight survey with the District Biologist.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan responded to illegal dumping complaints at Ten Mile Creek SFWA. The investigation is pending on the involved subjects. The Jefferson County Sheriff has offered assistance to alleviate the waste problem.

CPO Jourdan conducted a night wildlife survey with Biologist Tippitt.

CPOs Lay and Jourdan spoke at a career fair held at Mt. Vernon High School. Students in grades 8-12 from Jefferson, Wayne and Hamilton County attended the event. Students were told how to become a Conservation Police Officer, typical duties throughout the year and a few funny stories they encountered on the job.

CPO Jourdan issued a written warning to a youth hunter who killed two turkeys with one shot.

CPOs Williams and Diggins responded to complaints of dead fish in the commercial fishing holding nets at Ina Harbor on Rend Lake. The commercial fishing program ended on March 31st and contractors have 15 days to remove their gear. The investigation determined fish were still being held past the end of the permit period. CPOs seized one untagged live net and removed the remaining fish from the nets. The investigation is ongoing.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden conducted a taxidermy inspection in Hamilton County. No violations were detected.

CPO Folden concluded an investigation involving a Hamilton County resident providing outfitter services without a license. The investigation included information gained while conducting random commercial taxidermy inspections, Facebook, and Intel from CPO Williams. Interviews of suspected clients and the illegal outfitter resulted in one Hamilton County subject being cited for outfitting without a license. A \$1500 civil penalty was assessed.

CPO Lay along with CPO Folden appeared and spoke to several classes at the McLeansboro High School. Officers told the students about becoming a Conservation Police Officer, their duties, as well as having a question and answer portion. In preparation of the sessions, students had prepared questions for officers. It was quite entertaining and enjoyable for all.

CPO Williams taught the law portion of a hunter safety class in McLeansboro.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPOs Williams, Folden and Johnson attended a Border Conference with Conservation Officers from Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Agency. Illinois was the host agency for the spring meeting.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson is investigating an out-of-State timber buyer who did not pay the required 4% fee on timber purchased in previous years. Timber was purchased and harvested from multiple Counties in Southern Illinois. The case is ongoing.

Two salvage deer tags were issued to an individual after deer were found with their antlers locked together in a pond.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins continues randomly assigned commercial inspections with local taxidermists and timber buyers.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff finished two commercial inspections. No violations were discovered.

CPOs Diggins and Schoenhoff conducted interviews with a landowner and out of state family member for the unlawful use of landowner deer permits. A citation and written warnings were issued for violations.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Schoenhoff attended the 2015 Southern Illinois Drug Conference at John A. Logan College.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted two timber buyer audits. After a thorough examination of both companies CPO Smith did not find any discrepancies.

CPO Smith issued three written warnings to a boater at Altamont Reservoir. CPO Smith explained boating laws to the subject and handed him a brochure concerning Illinois boating laws.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol at East Fork Lake when he encountered a male subject sitting in a vehicle. CPO Buhnerkempe pulled alongside the vehicle and observed the subject sitting in the driver's seat packing a marijuana pipe. CPO Buhnerkempe approached the vehicle and stood next to the driver's window watching the subject, unaware of his presence, continue packing his pipe. CPO Buhnerkempe knocked on the window and the driver attempted to hide the illegal substances under his hand. The driver was instructed to hand over the drugs. He said he had just smoked marijuana a few minutes prior. He was arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs, unlawful possession of cannabis, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. An inventory of his vehicle resulted in the discovery of additional drugs. The subject was transported to the Richland County Jail.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe conducted a taxidermy inspection in Wayne City. The taxidermist was found to be in compliance of all regulations.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited an individual for fishing with no valid fishing license on the Little Wabash River.

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman cited a Jackson County subject for turkey hunting without a valid turkey permit. The subject was initially reported hunting without permission but the landowner did not want any enforcement action taken against him. A check of the subject's turkey permit revealed it was a Landowner Only Permit and he was not hunting on his land. The subject explained to CPO Mohrman that he was only caught because he had been lazy and not hid his truck well enough from the landowner.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson attended the Law Enforcement Career Day at Murray State University in Kentucky. 88 different agencies were represented, some as far away as Dallas, TX.

CPO Thompson observed an ATV leaving a Dollar General store driving on a County road with two riders. After stopping the ATV, it was learned the operator and rider were 12 years old and they were about three miles from home. The parents were contacted and they agreed they would take care of the issue.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted multiple agencies on a manhunt for a subject who had run from a traffic stop initiated by both a Union County Deputy and Jonesboro Police Officer. The subject fled from the vehicle which had been stolen earlier in the day in Cape Girardeau, MO, into residential neighborhoods. This incident caused two schools in the area to go on perimeter lockdown. Approximately one hour later CPO Vasicek located the subject hiding in an overgrown area, underneath a pickup truck topper, and he was taken into custody. Subject was on parole and is facing additional felony charges in Illinois and Missouri.

CPO Vasicek charged a subject with damage to state property. Subjects were observed doing doughnuts on the grass of the public baseball field at Trail of Tears State Forest. CPO stopped the vehicle and determined that damage had been done.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Vasicek reports a disposition from an OUI (drugs), possession of cannabis, possession of loaded firearm without concealed carry permit. Subject was found guilty of OUI and cannabis and fines totaled \$1440.00.